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INFO USS MCCANDLESS

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SUBJECT: GIFT OF USED SEWING MACHINES TO AFRICAN METHODISTS
IN RHODESIA

FOR HOYT AF/S

1. DESTROYER USS MCCANDLESS ARRIVED LOURENCO MARQUES JANUARY 2, CARRYING 26 SECOND-HAND RECONDITIONED TREADLE SEWING MACHINE CABINETS AND 30 SEWING MACHINE HEADS (PACKED IN USED CLOTHING) WEIGHING APPROXIMATELY 5,000 LBS. UNDER AUSPICES OF PROJECT HANDCLASP ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS: "GIFT FOR THE METHODIST CHURCHES, C/O REV. JONAH KAWADZA, NO. 21 BEATRICE COTTAGES, MUNYANDA ST. P.O. HARARE, SALSBURY, RHODESIA, AFRICA." THE RETURN ADDRESS INDICATES MACHINES ARE "GIFT FROM CHURCHES IN BUTLER, C/O NORMAN E. TINKER, 127-1/2 SOUTH MAIN STREET, BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA". RECEIVING AGENT IS J.M. BARNETT & CO., LTD., P.O. BOX 311, BEIRA, MOZAMBIQUE. (ABOVE CONFIRMS OUR LONG HELD SUSPICIONS THAT BARNETT COMPANY ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN RHODESIAN TRADE.) BARNETT REPRESENTATIVE IN LOURENCO MARQUES HAS BEEN INFORMED OF SEWING MACHINES ARRIVAL.

2. MACHINES WERE TRANSFERRED TO USS MCCANDLESS FROM USS
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AGREEMENT CONTAINS CERTIFICATION BY TINKER THAT "REQUIRED U.S. EXPORT CUSTOMS CLEARANCE" HAS BEEN OBTAINED AND APPROPRIATE CERTIFICATES TO THAT EFFECT WILL ACCOMPANY CARGO. TRANSACTION WAS APPARENTLY ARRANGED BY HAROLD ROBLING, 116 ELISE DRIVE, BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA 16001. DOCUMENTS CARRIED BY SHIP INDICATE THAT ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE WITH U.S. NAVY THROUGH BILL HOWARD, LIEUTENANT (JUNIOR GRADE) USNR, ACTING PROJECT HANDCLASP COORDINATOR, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET, HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA 23522 AND C.D. CROJEAN, REAR ADMIRAL, USN DIRECTOR, POLITICAL-MILITARY POLICY DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, OFFICE OF CNO, WASHINGTON, D.C.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: AS USS MCCANDLESS ANXIOUS GET RID OF SEWING MACHINES AND IN VIEW CLEARLY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THEY ARE INTENDED, BENEFITING AFRICAN POPULACE OF RHODEASIA, WE REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO DELIVER MACHINES TO BARNETT COMPANY AS INTENDED. USS MCCANDLESS DUE LEAVE LOURENCO MARQUES EARLY MORNING, JANUARY 6. REQUEST URGENT REPLY.
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